



2003 SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA DEER HUNT INFORMATION (989) 865-6211

The Shiawassee River State Game Area (SRSGA) and the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) deer hunts will be handled separately. For information on the SNWR hunts please contact the refuge at 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601, (989) 777-5930. You may apply for both state and federal pre-registered hunts. **NEW FOR 2003** – September two-day youth Firearm Deer Hunt will be held on SRSGA by permit only – see back page.

PRE-REGISTERED DRAWINGS

Applicants will apply by submitting cards to the St. Charles DNR Field Office. There is no fee to apply. Cards must be postmarked by **SEPTEMBER 10, 2003**. Cards postmarked after the deadline or filled out incorrectly will not be entered in the drawing. You do not need return postage on the card; this card will not be returned to you.

Instructions for Preregistered Hunt Applications

1. Applicants may apply **once** and may choose only **ONE** (1) hunt. Hunt choice code numbers for State hunts are listed below.
2. Hunters must mail a card (at least 3"x5", but not larger than 4"x6", not a piece of paper) to **DNR Field Office, 225 E. Spruce St., St. Charles, MI 48655-1309** with following information on one side of the card:
Name
Address
Driver's License Number, or Sportcard Number, or Hunter Safety Number
Hunt Choice Code Number
If applying as partners you must mail cards together in one envelope (see #3 below).
3. Hunters may apply with a "partner" (maximum of two people in one party) in which case they will both receive a permit or neither will receive a permit. "Partners" must apply for the same hunt choice code number. For hunters who wish to apply as partners each hunter must fill out a card and the cards must be mailed together in one envelope.
4. **Hunters who are successful for antlerless permits will be notified with instructions on how to purchase a Deer Management Unit 173 Public Land Antlerless Deer license using the Retail Licensing system.**
6. Only successful applicants will be notified. They will be notified by October 14, 2003.

STATE PRE-REGISTERED HUNTS SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA

HUNT CHOICE CODE NUMBER	DATES	TYPE	HUNT AREA	NUMBER HUNTERS	2002 APPLICANTS	HARVEST PERMITS*
101	Oct. 25 – Oct. 31	Archery	A	150	207	State Regulations
102	Nov. 01 - Nov. 07	Archery	A	150	234	State Regulations
103	Nov. 08 - Nov. 14	Archery	A	150	194	State Regulations
104	Nov. 15 - Nov. 19	Shotgun	B	100	431	State Regulations
105	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	Shotgun	B	100	225	State Reg. & 50% Bonus
106	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	Shotgun	B	100	174	State Reg. & 50% Bonus
107	Dec. 12 - Dec. 16	Muzzleloader	A	100	375	State Regs. & All Bonus
108	Dec. 17 - Dec. 21	Muzzleloader	A	100	512	State Regs. & All Bonus

Hunt Areas: Area **A** – Entire area, except state wildlife refuge. Area **B** – A Areas & 53-54.

*Antlerless allotments are subject to change.

YOUTH FIREARM DEER HUNT

30 permits will be issued from the St. Charles Field Office **in person only**. Adults can pick up a permit for a youth with correct information. No mail-in requests will be accepted. Permits are first come, first served. Permits will be available beginning September 2 at 7:30 am. Youths 12-16 years of age are eligible to take 1 deer during this special two-day season. Youths 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. An adult accompanying a youth cannot possess or carry a firearm or bow and does not need a deer hunting license. Must wear Hunter Orange.

LOCAL ARCHERY HUNTS

NOTE: You may apply for 1 pre-registered hunt, but you may also obtain a permit for and hunt during any local archery periods in addition to the pre-registered hunt for which you are selected. There will not be any local Archery drawings for the Shiawassee River State Game Area. You can pick up unlimited permits for three (3) hunt periods: October 1-24, December 1-11 and December 22 -January 1. Hunters may obtain these permits from the St. Charles Field Office in person or by mail (include name, driver's license or sportcard number, date of birth, address and hunt period selection from periods listed below). If requesting them by mail, you may mail for it at any time, we will send you the permit on the first day of the pick up date below. **Telephone permit requests will not be accepted.**

Archers may hunt the entire game area, except state wildlife refuge (refer to state game area map).

Permits may be picked up as follows:

FOR HUNT PERIOD

October 1-24
December 1-11
December 22 – January 1

PICK UP PERMITS ON THESE DATES

September 22 - October 24
November 19 - December 11
December 15 - December 30

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCOUTING:	January 2 – September 30, 2003 only
FEES:	\$13.00 for Waterfowl Area Use Annual (code 138) or \$4.00 for Waterfowl Area Use Daily (code 137) is required for all deer hunts, in addition to a deer hunting license.
FIREARMS:	Same as statewide regulations except the possession and use of buckshot is prohibited on Shiawassee River State Game Area.
PERMITS:	You must carry your issued permit with you during your hunt period.
PERMIT RETURNS:	Permits must be returned within 48 hours after last day of hunt period. Failure to return permits on time will result in ineligibility for future permits. Deer hunters having any outstanding permits for any of the 2003 hunts will not be issued any deer permits in 2004.
TREE STANDS:	Must be portable and can be placed on the first day of your hunt period and can remain until the last day of your hunt period. Stands must have name and address on them, which can be seen from the ground.
DEER CHECK:	Hunters are encouraged to bring deer to a DNR check station to assist in our collection of bio-data and TB head testing, to improve our deer management program.
BAITING:	No baiting is allowed on the Shiawassee River State Game Area.
BUTTON BUCKS:	Hunters are encouraged to carefully look at antlerless deer before shooting to minimize the chance of harvesting a button buck or young male. Allowing button bucks to survive will increase the buck to doe sex ratio on this area.

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1200 6TH STREET
DETROIT MI 48226

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US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
4040 NORTH FAIRFAX DRIVE
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For information or assistance on this publication, contact the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE, PO BOX 30444, LANSING, MI 48909. TTY: Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777.

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